

**REMARKS**

Claims 10-64 are pending. Claims 20, 37, 45 and 61 are independent. Claims 10, 14, 17, 18, 20, 35, 37, 45, 61 and 64 have been amended. Claim 9 has been cancelled without prejudice.

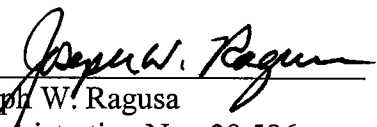
Applicant thanks the Examiner for the indication that claim 61 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form. Since claim 61 has been so rewritten, it is believed in condition for allowance. Moreover, the other independent claims have been amended to add the feature of claim 61 and are thus believed in condition for allowance as well for at least the same reasons as claim 61. The other claims depend from one or another of the independent claims discussed above and are believed in condition for allowance for at least the same reason as their base claim.

Claims 9-60 and 64 were rejected variously over Lupien. The cancellation of claim 9 and the amendments discussed above are believed to render this rejection moot. This amendment is believed clearly to place this case in condition for allowance and its entry is therefore believed proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116.

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Dated: May 14, 2007

Respectfully submitted,

By   
Joseph W. Ragusa  
Registration No.: 38,586  
DICKSTEIN SHAPIRO LLP  
1177 Avenue of the Americas  
41st Floor  
New York, New York 10036-2714  
(212) 277-6500  
Attorney for Applicant